

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1 through 6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) A key-changeable lock, comprising, in combination:

(a) a lock housing,

(b) a lock cylinder for rotation within the lock housing about a rotational axis, the lock cylinder including,

(i) a locking block slidably mounted on a periphery of locking cylinder, and having a first working position and a second working position,

wherein the locking block extends from the lock cylinder to engage the lock housing, thereby directly preventing rotation of the lock cylinder relative the lock housing in the first working position, and

wherein the locking block at least partially retracts into the lock cylinder to allow rotation in the second working position,

(ii) a toothed piece with a block groove that moves to allow or block retraction of the locking block into the lock cylinder,

(iii) a toothed slide that moves in the lock cylinder transverse to the rotational axis, the toothed slide having an engaged and disengaged position with the toothed piece, the toothed piece moves in a fixed relationship with the toothed slide when in the engaged position, and in an independent relationship when in the disengaged position,

(iv) a sliding block that moves the toothed slide between the engaged and disengaged positions, and

(v) a locking hole provided on or in the lock cylinder and into which a key is inserted,

wherein insertion of a first key into the locking hole moves the toothed slide and in turn the toothed piece into the engaged position, so that the block groove allows retraction of the locking block into the lock cylinder,

wherein rotation of the first key in turn rotates the lock cylinder, the locking block

retracts into the lock cylinder sliding into the blocking groove,
wherein retraction of the locking block into the lock cylinder,
(i) prevents the toothed piece from moving, and
(ii) moves slides the sliding block linearly in a direction perpendicular to the
rotational axis to disengage the toothed slide from the toothed piece, and
wherein removal of the first key and insertion of a second key moves the
toothed slide to establish a new engagement position between the toothed slide and the
toothed piece, so that the second key now locks and unlocks the key changeable lock.

8. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock as claimed in claim 7, wherein
the first key is removed and the second key is inserted when the lock cylinder is in a
partially rotated position.

9. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein the
engagement of the toothed slide with the toothed piece is via a toothed piece on the
toothed slide, thereby engaging the toothed piece on the toothed piece, there being
more teeth on one than the other to allow the independent relationship.

10. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein the block
groove on the toothed piece runs parallel to the locking block, the toothed piece blocks
retraction of the locking block, other than when the toothed piece is moved to allow the
locking block to retract into the blocking groove.

11. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein the locking
block slides into the block groove, and is held in the block groove by the profile of the
lock housing around the lock cylinder, when the lock is unlocked.

12. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein the sliding
block is moved by the locking block via pins extending between the locking block and
the sliding block.

13. (Currently Amended) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein springs are between the sliding block and a shell to bias the sliding block and the toothed slide into the engaged position.

14. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein a compression spring is provided to bias the sliding block and in turn the toothed piece, when in the engaged position, to block retraction of the locking block.

15. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 14, wherein the compression spring is between the toothed slide and the sliding block.

16. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein the sliding block and the toothed slide move parallel to one another.

17. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein the sliding block moves perpendicular to the toothed piece.

18. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein the first key is invalid after the new engagement position has been established with the second key.

19. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein the locking block moves parallel to the sliding block.

20. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein a contactor is fixed on the toothed slide and located within the locking hole to engage the second key.

21. (Currently Amended) The key-changeable lock of claim 7, wherein the locking groove is on the lock housing;

when the locking block is located at the first working position, the locking block is received in the locking groove; and

each side face of the locking groove with has a guiding slant.

22. (Currently Amended) A key-changeable lock, comprising, in combination:

 a lock housing; and

 a lock cylinder ~~in the lock housing~~ rotatable about a rotational axis within the lock housing, the lock cylinder includes a shell for the lock cylinder, a locking hole on the shell into which a key is inserted, and a locking block slidably mounted on the shell;

 a sliding block ~~for sliding~~ slidable in the shell ~~and~~ linearly in a direction perpendicular to the rotational axis, ~~and~~ positioned to abut against the locking block,

 a toothed slide for sliding in the sliding block, and a toothed piece) having a block groove slidably disposed in the shell, and

 wherein the locking block has a first working position and a second working position,

 wherein the locking block is not held in the block groove, the lock block extends from the lock cylinder to engage the lock housing thereby directly preventing rotation of the lock cylinder relative to the lock housing and the toothed piece engages the toothed slide in the first working position, and

 wherein the locking block is held in the block groove and at least partially retracts into the lock cylinder to allow relative rotation, and the toothed piece disengages the toothed slide in the second working position.

23. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 22, wherein springs are between the sliding block and the shell.

24. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 22, wherein a compression spring is between the toothed slide and the sliding block.

25. (Currently Amended) The key-changeable lock of claim 22, wherein the sliding block moves perpendicular to the toothed piece.

26. (Previously Presented) The key-changeable lock of claim 22, wherein a contactor

is fixed on the toothed slide and located in the locking hole.

27. (Currently Amended) The key-changeable lock of claim 22, wherein a locking groove is on the lock housing;

when the locking block is in the first working position, the locking block is received in the locking groove; and

each side face of the locking groove is ~~provided with~~has a guiding slant.